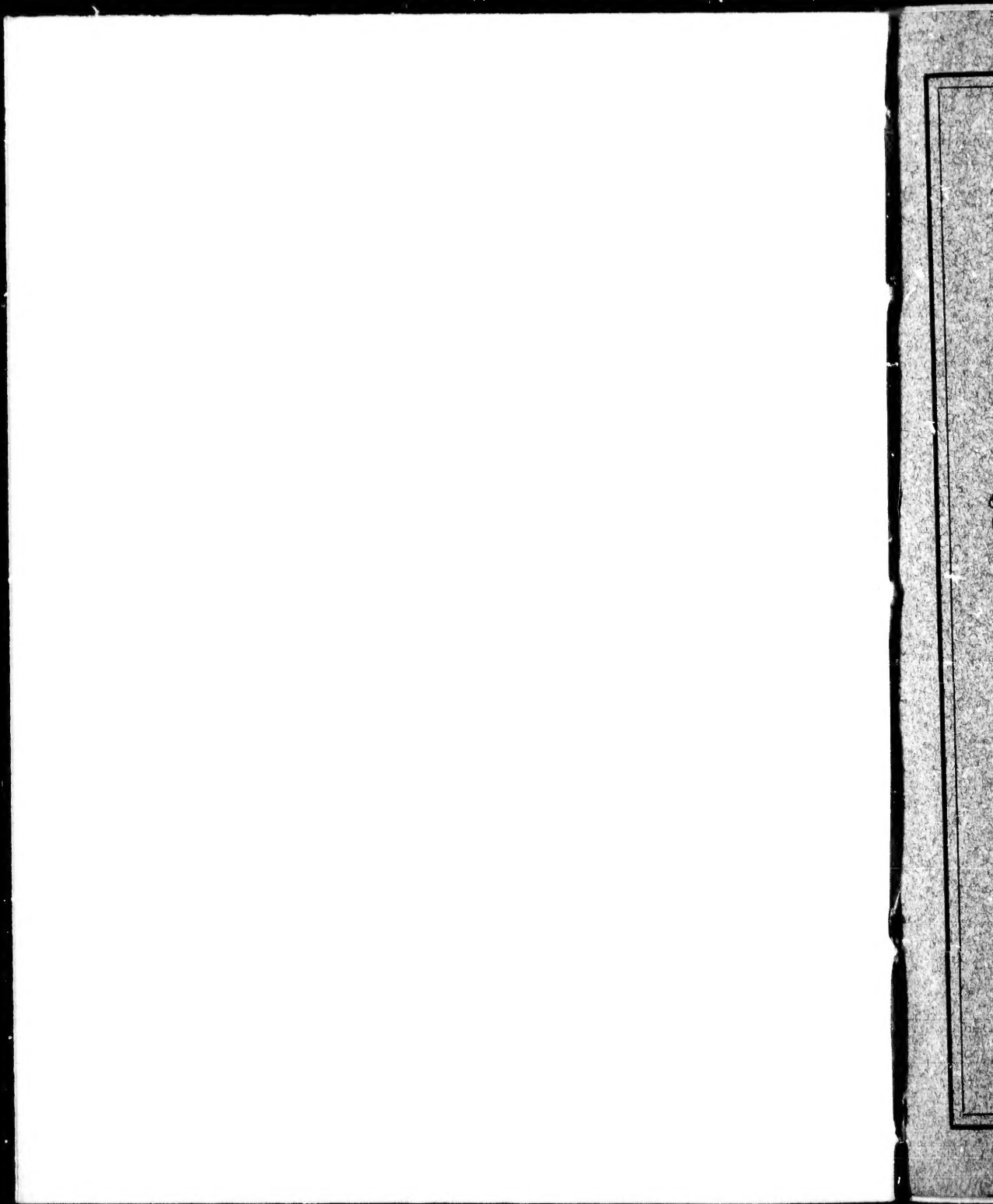




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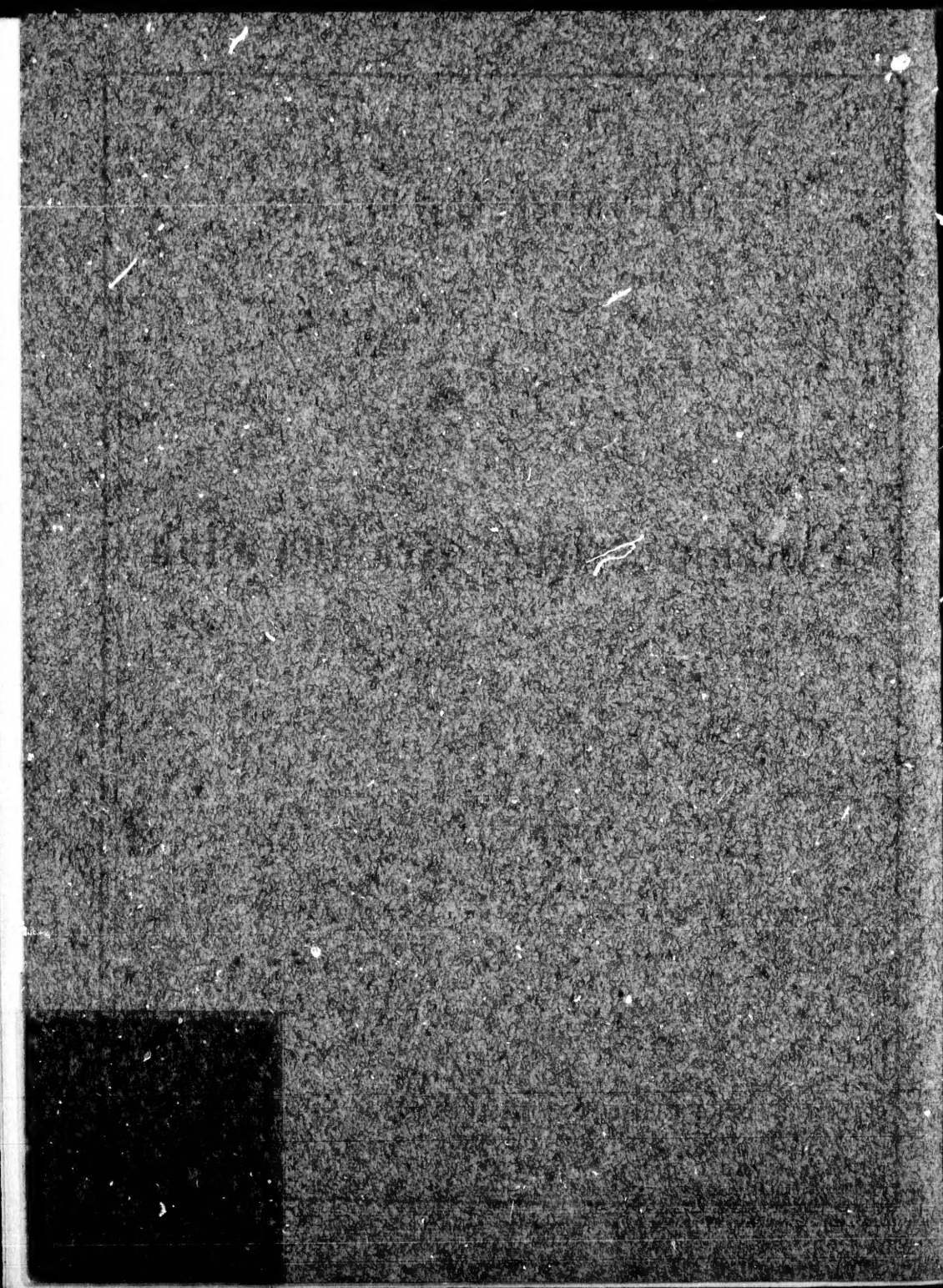
OF THE

Toronto Science Reading Club

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
TORONTO SCIENCE READING CLUB.

I.

The name of the Club shall be THE TORONTO SCIENCE READING CLUB.

II.

The objects of the Club are to encourage Scientific Reading, to familiarize its members with the progress of Science throughout the world, and to discuss the philosophical bearings thereof upon Life and Thought.

III.

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer; also a committee of four members, termed the Executive Committee. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

IV.

The officers shall be elected at a general meeting of the Club, convened for that purpose by the President, on the last Wednesday in February, and shall hold office for one year and until their successors are appointed. Should a vacancy occur in the interim, such vacancy may, after two weeks' notice, be filled by vote at a regular meeting of the Club.

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V.

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all regular meetings, and at any special meetings, should such be convened. He shall preserve due order, and shall be referred to on all disputed points of order, and his decision shall be final.

VI.

The Vice-President shall take the Chair in the absence of the President. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, a chairman *pro tem.* may be appointed by the meeting.

VII.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Club; keep the minutes of the same in a minute book; and also a list of members in

a roll-book. It shall be his duty to attend to all correspondence; to receive all moneys belonging to the Club, and pay all accounts which have been duly certified as correct by the President; to keep a record of all financial business transacted by the Club; and to furnish a statement annually, and whenever called upon.

VIII.

The Executive Committee shall have the duty of arranging with members and others for the papers which are to be read before the Club; - they shall have the power of naming subjects, and appointing the time when they are to be brought forward; and they shall also possess the power of vetoing all papers that they may deem unsuitable to the objects of the Club. Subjects to be announced when arranged for.

IX.

Meetings of the Club shall be held on every Wednesday evening, except during the months of June, July, and August, when they shall be held on the first and third Wednesdays in each month. The Chair shall be taken at eight o'clock precisely, and the reading of the paper of the evening shall be commenced at not later than half-past eight o'clock. After the reading of the paper of the evening the Club shall proceed to its discussion, and no other subject shall be taken up until the discussion is closed. In the course of such discussion, no speaker or reader shall occupy more than fifteen minutes. At half-past ten o'clock the President shall close the meeting; but any member may move a prolongation, which, if seconded, can be declared carried by the President on a two-thirds vote.

X.

The order of procedure at regular meetings shall be—

1. The reading of the minutes by the Secretary-Treasurer.
2. The disposal of business appertaining to the working of the Club.
3. The reading of the paper of the evening.
4. The after discussion thereon by the members, which must be strictly confined to the subject.

XI.

New members may be proposed at any regular meeting, and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for their report, which must be given at the next succeeding meeting. If the report be favourable, a ballot for acceptance shall be

taken; but if unfavourable, no ballot shall be taken, and the Secretary shall inform the candidate of his rejection. Three black balls shall exclude any person seeking entrance to the Club.

XII.

Members when speaking shall at all times rise and address the Chair.

XIII.

Perfect toleration in matters of speculative opinion shall be accorded by the Club to readers of papers, and to members taking part in general discussions.

XIV.

Before an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws can be moved, two weeks notice must be given in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall read the same before the Club.

OFFICERS FOR 1879.

President.

F. T. JONES.

Vice-President.

G. MERCER ADAM.

Secretary-Treasurer.

A. PIDDINGTON.

Executive Committee.

R. JAFFRAY,

R. W. DOUGLAS,

A. ELVINS,

R. J. BELFORD,

F. T. JONES, *ex off.*

G. MERCER ADAM,

A. PIDDINGTON, *ex off.*

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